

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. A corrected version of the drawings are enclosed in attachment A.

The Examiner has rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph. Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 7, 9-11 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,873,193 to Jensen.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7, and 9-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,471,954 to Greenway.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7 and 9 and 11-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kristman.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 9 and 11-14 under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,744,022 to Davis.

In Kristman, Jensen Davis and Greenway the insecticide, if applied at all, is applied to an interior surface or region of the device in those references. With the prior art, the insecticide is presented to an exterior surface in the channels wherein this step is supported in the specification on page 2 lines 9 and 10.

Enclosed please find a new set of claims 15-18 which are based upon the method for applying an insecticide to a base. In this method the insecticide is applied to channels or crevasses which as disclosed in the drawings, these channels or crevasses are exterior surfaces of the base. The applicant believes that none of the references show a process whereby the insecticide is applied to an exterior surface of the base so that this insecticide is not covered and is instead exposed to insects. The subject of the interview conducted on June 4, 2003 is incorporated herein wherein the applicant is canceling the claims previously on file and adding new method claims.

Therefore, claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 15-18 have been introduced.

Accordingly the applicant respectfully requests early

allowance of the new claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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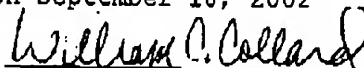
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